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PART-III
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
(PROJECT BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 15th July, 2025

No.S.O.121/P.A.6/2025/S.1/2025.- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 1 of the Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers Act, 2025 (Punjab Act No. 6 of 2025), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to appoint the 15th day of July, 2025, as the date on which the provisions of the said Act, shall come into force.

Sd/-

JASPREET TALWAR,
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Department of Mines and Geology.

PART-III

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE
(AGRICULTURE-II BRANCH)**

NOTIFICATION

The 15th July, 2025

No.S.O.122/C.A.46/1968/S.27/2025.- Whereas the State Government is of the opinion that the sale, distribution and use of insecticides indicated in the table given below, is not in the interest of basmati rice growers in view of the reasons recorded below, namely:-

- (i) that there is a risk of higher pesticide residues than Maximum Residual Level (MRL) fixed by the competent authority in the basmati rice grains on account of use of these agro-chemicals;
- (ii) that the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana has recommended alternative agrochemicals to control pests of basmati rice in the state of Punjab;
- (iii) that the Punjab Rice Millers and Exporters Association has also reported that many samples got tested by them contain the residue value of these pesticides much above the Maximum Residual Level (MRL) values in Basmati Rice. The Association requested for ban of these agrochemicals to save the heritage Basmati produce of Punjab, and to ensure hassle free export of basmati rice to other countries; and

Whereas in view of the above, it is imperative to prohibit the sale, distribution and use of the insecticides indicated in the Table given below, on Basmati crop in the State of Punjab, being potential constraint in export and consumption of Basmati rice:

<u>Table</u>	
Serial No.	Name of Insecticide
1.	Acephate
2.	Buprofezin
3.	Chlorpyrifos
4.	Propiconazole
5.	Thiamethoxam
6.	Profenofos
7.	Carbendazim

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8.	Tricyclazole
9.	Tebuconazole
10.	Carbofuran
11.	Imidacloprid
12.	Hexaconazole

Whereas the alternatives to the said insecticides, which are low in residue effect, are available in market;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 27 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (Central Act No. 46 of 1968), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to prohibit the sale, distribution and use of all types of formulations of the insecticides, indicated in the Table in the State of Punjab for a period of sixty days starting from 1st August, 2025 on Basmati Rice, so that good quality of basmati rice with no residual effect can be produced.

Sd/-

DR. BASANT GARG,

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Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.